



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF
BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

Fiscal Note 2017 Biennium

Bill #	SB0073	Title:	Revise U.S. Senate vacancy laws
Primary Sponsor:	Facey, Tom	Status:	As Introduced

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Significant Local Gov Impact | <input type="checkbox"/> Needs to be included in HB 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> Technical Concerns |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Included in the Executive Budget | <input type="checkbox"/> Significant Long-Term Impacts | <input type="checkbox"/> Dedicated Revenue Form Attached |

FISCAL SUMMARY

	<u>FY 2016 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2017 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2018 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2019 Difference</u>
Expenditures:				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Revenue:				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Net Impact-General Fund Balance:	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

Description of fiscal impact: This bill would have no impact to the Secretary of State's Office or to the general fund. Montana law already requires special federal elections for unscheduled vacancies in the office of U.S. Representative. This bill would require that unscheduled vacancies in the office of U.S. Senate follow the exact same procedure, thus eliminating a gubernatorial appointment.

Effect on County or Other Local Revenues or Expenditures:

- In the unlikely event of an unscheduled federal vacancy and a special election, counties would be required to administer and finance the special election. They currently administer and finance all federal elections in Montana. It is estimated that a federal special election would cost roughly \$2.0 million to administer. This cost would be less if Montana adopts a vote-by-mail process for federal elections or if the timing were such that the election could be combined with an already scheduled election.

Sponsor's Initials

Date

Budget Director's Initials

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